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46TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2003
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FOR THE LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION STUDY COMMITTEE

A JOINT MEMORIAL
REQUESTING THE CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES DEPARTMENT AND THE
COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO STUDY FUNDING AND
ACTIVITIES RELATING TO OUT-OF-SCHOOL PROGRAMS FOR SCHOOL-AGED
CHILDREN.

WHEREAS, the hours before and after school, particularly
from three to eight p.m., and during the summer months have all
been shown to be the most at-risk periods in a child's life;
and

WHEREAS, research has shown the availability of positive
youth development activities for children and youth to be a
significant contributor to student success in and out of
school, including social-emotional and intellectual growth; and

WHEREAS, access to safe places, caring adults and
constructive activities in the after school hours, in

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1 particular, positively influence youth development; and

2 WHEREAS, the legislature has supported children and youth
3 programs during out-of-school hours as a preventive
4 intervention strategy for at-risk children and a response to
5 the needs of children and families; and

6 WHEREAS, the investment of public dollars in programs
7 which directly address children and youth issues is a
8 fundamental support in most New Mexico communities;

9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
10 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the children, youth and families
11 department in cooperation with the labor department, state
12 department of public education, department of health and other
13 appropriate agencies be requested to identify direct dollars
14 being expended to support local community, school or nonprofit
15 organizations that operate out-of-school, before or after
16 school programs, including programs related to tutoring,
17 homework help, literacy support, youth leadership training,
18 service-learning, twenty-first century learning centers, arts,
19 health and wellness and other enrichment-oriented learning
20 activities for school-aged children; and

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the cooperative agreement
22 advisory committee, which was formed by executive order, be
23 requested to conduct a study providing a description and
24 accounting of out-of-school programs, including overall
25 purpose, key activities, participants served and state dollars

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1 invested, in coordination with all major departments for the
2 fiscal years 2001 through 2003 to gain a complete and accurate
3 picture of public investment in out-of-school programs; and

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that advice on the scope and effect
5 of these programs be sought from leaders in the field, service
6 providers, parents and youth through appropriate government
7 outreach vehicles, such as maternal child health councils and
8 related agency advisory bodies; and

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that given the availability of
10 transportation services in all school districts, special
11 attention be given to the needs, challenges and potential
12 solutions associated with providing adequate and appropriate
13 state subsidized transportation to and from these out-of-school
14 programs; and

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a summary report be issued on
16 the findings of this study, including total dollars invested in
17 each county and municipality by program area and impact, with
18 recommendations on relevant issues requiring further study and
19 attention; and

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the cooperative agreement
21 advisory committee and the children, youth and families
22 department report their findings and recommendations to the
23 legislative education study committee by November 2003; and

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
25 transmitted to the children, youth and families department and

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